

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

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It has been thirty-six years since lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgendered people (LGBT) took to the streets of New York City to confront and protest harassment by the New York Police Department. The uprising began on June 27, 1969 and continued for three days, forever becoming a defining moment in the LGBT pride movement. The Stonewall Rebellion, as it has come to be known, is a milestone in the history of LGBT civil rights, inspiring ongoing efforts to combat prejudice and discrimination against lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgendered people.

In Los Angeles County, Stonewall has been commemorated for thirty-five years every June, culminating in the Christopher Street West (CSW) pride festival in West Hollywood. In the years since, other LGBT pride celebrations have blossomed with increasing recognition of the LGBT presence throughout Los Angeles County: Long Beach LGBT Pride, LA/Valley Pride, San Gabriel Valley Pride, Latin LGBT Pride, and At The Beach (Black LGBT Pride).

Members of the LGBT community live and work in all corners of the County of Los Angeles, and contribute significantly to the cultural, political and economic vitality of our region. We honor and value their civic involvement and leadership.

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We also know that inclusion and tolerance are the hallmarks of a strong and healthy society, and that strong self-identity and self-esteem characterized by the numerous pride festivities throughout the County promote and nourish a healthy community, leading to individual well-being and sound behaviors and decision-making.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT that Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim June 2005 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month, inaugurating this as an annual tradition in the County led by the Human Relations Commission and the Commission on HIV; and commends the efforts of the various LGBT Pride organizers, with best wishes to these organizations and people and others who endeavor this month and all year long to recognize LGBT contributions to the community.

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